

Appl. No. 10/650,499
Amdt. dated May 15, 2007
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. In this Office action response, Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 have been amended. Claims 2, 8, 11-14, and 17-20 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 4, 6, 9, 10, 15 and 16 have not been amended.

In his office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious in view of US patent 6,615,349. Claims 11-14 and 17-20 were rejected first under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention, and second under 35 USC 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 5 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of an improper dependent form. Claims 15 and 16 were allowed. Claims 2-5 and 8-10 were objected to.

In this Office action response, Applicant has amended his independent claim 1 to incorporate the requirements of claim 2, and his independent claim 7 to incorporate the requirements of claim 8. The Examiner has indicated that these claims, if so rewritten would be allowable. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled.

With respect to amended claim 1, claims 3 and 5 have been appropriately amended so to have the proper antecedent basis.

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Claims 11-14 and 17-20 have, as noted above are canceled by this amendment and claims 15 and 16 have been allowed.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant requests allowance of his claims 1, and 3-10 in addition to the allowed claims 15 and 16.

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